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## **December 2010 Newsletter**



### **What's New on the Police Front**

In October 2010 the Wilmington Police Department was showcased in a video about Geographical Based Policing at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference. Residents from both the Northwest Patrol Division and Southeast Patrol Division areas participated in the making of the video, along with members of WPD. The video should be airing on GTV-8 in the near future. To get a preview of the video, go to the below web link and scroll across the photos looking for the video titled "Putting Wilmington on the Map". The Wilmington Police Department is very proud of the video and for being selected to be showcased at the Conference.

<http://www.theiacp.org/About/PressCenter/tabid/81/Default.aspx>

Two very important laws went into effect on December 1, 2010. This is a short summary of those laws of which one may affect you, family member or friend.

#### **North Carolina General Statute #20-63 (g)**

Alteration, Disguise, or Concealment of Numbers. – Any operator of a motor vehicle who shall willfully mutilate, bend, twist, cover or cause to be covered or partially covered by any bumper, light, spare tire, tire rack, strap, or other device, or who shall paint, enamel, emboss, stamp, print, perforate, or alter or add to or cut off any part or portion of a registration plate or the figures or letters thereon, or who shall place or deposit or cause to be placed or deposited any oil, grease, or other substance upon such registration plates for the purpose of making dust adhere thereto, or who shall deface, disfigure, change, or attempt to change any letter or figure thereon, or who shall display a number plate in other than a horizontal upright position, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any operator of a motor vehicle who shall willfully cover or cause to be covered any part or portion of a registration plate or the figures or letters thereon by any device designed or intended to prevent or interfere with the taking of a clear photograph of a registration plate by a traffic control or toll collection system using cameras commits an infraction and shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1. Any operator of a motor vehicle who shall otherwise intentionally cover any number or registration renewal sticker on a registration plate with any material that makes the number or registration renewal sticker illegible commits an infraction and shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1. Any operator of a motor vehicle who covers the State name, year sticker, or month sticker on a registration plate with a license plate frame commits an infraction and shall be fined under G.S. 14-3.1. **Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use of transparent covers that do not prevent or interfere with the taking of a**

**clear photograph of a registration plate by a traffic control or toll collection system using cameras.**

**North Carolina General Statute 14-306.4,**

**“An Act to Ban the Use of Electronic Machines and Devices for Sweepstakes Purposes”.**

The following eight games are now illegal and **CANNOT** operate in the State:

1. A video bingo game;
2. A video craps game;
3. A video keno game;
4. A video lotto game;
5. Eight Liner;
6. Pot-of-Gold;
7. A video poker game or any other kind of video playing card game; and
8. A video game based on or involving the random or chance matching of different pictures, words, numbers, or symbols not dependant upon the skill or dexterity of the player.
9. Any other video game not dependent on skill or dexterity that is played while revealing a prize as the result of an entry into a sweepstakes.

A first offense is a Class 1 misdemeanor. A second offense is a Class H felony. Any subsequent offense is a Class G felony. Other games may be illegal if there is probable cause demonstrated that the prizes are secretly being redeemed for cash by the establishments that operate them.

**Know Your Southeast (SE) Patrol Personnel**

Each month we would like to introduce you to one of the officers serving your community. This month we are introducing you to Lieutenant Ed Pigford.

Lt. Ed Pigford has been with the Wilmington Police Department for 23 years as an officer. Prior to that, he was employed as a Police Cadet for one year. Lt. Pigford has served as the Downtown District Commander for the last 3 years and has an Associates Degree from Cape Fear Community College in Criminal Justice. During his service with WPD, Lt. Pigford has worked with the Mounted Unit, and is currently collaterally assigned to the Department's Harbor Unit. In his off-duty time, Lt. Pigford enjoys outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing. Effective December 6, 2010, Lt. Pigford was assigned as the District 5 Area Commander working out of the Southeast Patrol Division.



Lt. Ed Pigford

**Police Beat**

**5,541** - Number of calls for service SE Patrol Division Officers responded to during November 2010. This number includes **2,489** calls that were officer initiated.

Below is an end of month breakdown of SE Patrol activity for November 2010.

**On-View Arrests:**

- 1– Breaking and Entering (Residential, Business, Auto/Larceny: Misdemeanor & Felony)
- 8– Narcotics Related
- 6– Assaults

1 – Domestic Violence Order Violation  
 1 – Assault on Law Enforcement Officer  
 2– Resisting Arrest/Hinder & Delay  
 1– Property Damage  
 13 – Larceny/Shoplifting/Fraud Related (Embezzlement)  
 1 – Motor Vehicle Theft  
 26– Traffic Related (DWI, No Operator’s License, Driving during Revocation, Hit & Run)  
 4 – Quality of Life Violations (affray, panhandling, trespass, disorderly conduct, etc.)  
 116 – Field Interview/Contact Reports (generated just in Districts 5 & 6)  
 101 - Warrants served (just in Districts 5 & 6)  
 272 – Traffic Crash Reports (just in Districts 5 & 6)  
 350 – Incident Reports (just in Districts 5 & 6)  
 634 – Citations issued (just in Districts 5 & 6 for Traffic Violations/On-view Misdemeanors)

### **Residential Traffic Enforcement Program**

Motorcycle Officer Getman has worked the following locations in District 5 & District 6 and taken the indicated number of enforcement actions during November 8 to December 3, 2010. If you have a complaint regarding neighborhood traffic issues, please contact Lt. Blanton via phone or e-mail and the information will be forwarded to Officer Getman.

Oleander Dr. – 7	Rogersville Rd. – 10	Hooker Rd. – 13
Greenville Ave. – 11	Mallard St. – 2	Robert E. Lee Dr. – 18
Kelly Rd. – 6	Beasley Rd. – 4	Holly Tree Rd. – 7
Pine Grove Dr. – 2	Oriole Dr. – 3	College Acres Dr. – 1
S. Cardinal Dr. – 1	Long Leaf Hills Dr. – 4	Navaho Trail – 8
Masonboro Loop Rd. – 4	Waltmoor Rd. – 11	Masonboro Sound Rd. – 1
Greenville Loop Rd. – 5	Wood Dale Dr. – 1	Wrightsville Ave. – 6
S. College Rd. – 5	Independence Blvd. – 1	Shipyard Blvd. – 1
Clear Run Dr. – 1	Chalmers Dr. – 1	MacMillan Ave. – 2

**Total Citations & Written Warnings Issued: 136**

### **District 5:**

District 5									
November	2009	2010	%Change		YTD	2009	2010	%Change	
Murder	0	0	N.C.		Murder	0	0	N.C.	
Rape	1	2	100%		Rape	9	13	44%	
Robbery	2	5	150%		Robbery	42	48	14%	
Aggr. Assault	7	2	-71%		Aggr. Assault	48	48	0%	
Burglary	25	20	-20%		Burglary	285	239	-16%	
Larceny	97	93	-4%		Larceny	1167	1028	-12%	
MV Theft	10	13	30%		MV Theft	69	100	45%	
Arson	0	0	N.C.		Arson	6	1	-83%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>-5%</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>-9%</b>	

Crime Prevention and reporting suspicious activity is the key to increasing safety in our neighborhoods. Remember to turn on your outside lights report street lights out to Progress Energy and lock your doors at home and vehicles. The continued reductions in reported crimes can only be accomplished by proactive citizens working together with their neighborhood police officers. Ed Pigford the District 5 Lieutenant can be contacted at 910-342-2714.

Summarized below are notable arrests made by officers for crimes committed in District 5.

<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Crime Location</b>
Darrell J. Batts	Kornegay Ave.	B&E Auto/Larceny	Market St.
Loren N. Barton	Castle Hayne, NC	Resist Arrest/Hinder & Delay	Racine Dr.
Christopher N. Kewish	Fairway Dr.	Narcotics Viol.	Hunters Trl.
Richard D. Sharpe	Timber Ln.	Property Damage	Green Meadows Dr.
Thomas L. Filter	Hope Springs Ct.	Motor Vehicle Theft	Fountain Dr.
Dekar Dees	Riegelwood, NC	Armed Robbery	N. Kerr Ave.
Jason A. Atkins	N. Wallace Ave.	Narcotics Viol.	Wallace Ave.

#### **District 6:**

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<b>November</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>%Change</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>%Change</b>	
Murder	0	0	N.C.		Murder	0	1	N.C.	
Rape	1	1	0%		Rape	7	4	-43%	
Robbery	5	0	-100%		Robbery	20	14	-30%	
Aggr. Assault	3	6	100%		Aggr. Assault	29	31	7%	
Burglary	26	27	4%		Burglary	288	259	-10%	
Larceny	39	40	3%		Larceny	563	489	-13%	
MV Theft	5	4	-20%		MV Theft	35	43	23%	
Arson	0	0	N.C.		Arson	0	0	N.C.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>-1%</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>-11%</b>	

This is a time of year when we would expect to have a significant increase in crime due to the holiday season. During this time of the year, most criminals believe is better to “take than to receive”! Having only a 1% decrease may not seem like much, however a good portion of the cases above have been cleared by arrest or there are warrants pending, especially the assaults and burglaries. Even though the names of all of the arrested are not listed below, it has been confirmed that the WPD Criminal Investigation Division has been working hard and deserves much credit for clearing these cases. Not having an increase in crime is always a significant achievement, and over all we have been seeing a decrease city wide. Please keep those reports of suspicious activity coming in, and anyone is welcome to contact the District 6 Commander, Lt. Blanton for more information, if available on any noted crime. The Wilmington Police Department thanks everyone who has been involved with stopping crime within their community over the past year, and that has helped us in keeping crime down. Without the help of the citizens and officers working together, we would not have been able to achieve a continued decrease over the last year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season and we all look forward to a continued growing partnership in 2011!

Summarized below are some notable arrests made by officers for crimes committed in District 6.

Suspect	Address	Crime	Crime Location
William S. Brislin	Whitner Dr.	Narcotics Viol.	Web Trace
Patrick N. Yarboro	Kirby Smith Dr.	Narcotics Viol.	Web Trace
Shurman C. Carroll	Breezewood Dr.	Assault on LEO	Breezewood Dr.
Glenn C. Elliffe	Carlton Dr.	Alcohol Viol.	Peachtree Ave.
Donald W. Shepard	Greenville Loop Rd.	Resist Arrest/Hinder & Delay	Greenville Loop Rd.
Tracey L. Kenny	Echo Farms Blvd.	B&E/Larceny	Echo Farms Blvd.
Joseph E. Somerset	Shamrock Dr.	Unauthorized Use Motor Vehicle	Shamrock Dr.
Angela L. Sundstrom	Oak Crest Dr.	Assault Inflicting Serious Injury	Wrightsville Ave.
Antonio D. Thomas	Peachtree Ave.	Assault w/ Deadly Weapon	Peachtree Ave.
Jacob S. Throne	Lake Ave.	Narcotics Viol.	Oleander Dr.
Wade H. Weekes	Crawdad Ct.	Narcotics Viol.	Crawdad Ct.

### Crime Prevention Corner

With the Christmas & New Year' Holidays approaching it is a good idea to brush up on some home Burglary Prevention Tips. The below tips are for year round use, however are most important during the holidays, especially when leaving your home vacant during travel. Remember, please put your presents under the tree at the last possible minute, leaving them "out of sight" until the appropriate time, and consider closing the curtains in the room housing your tree to prevent a suspecting individual from looking through the windows. When shopping, lock your gifts in the trunk, "out of sight"!

## **Burglary Prevention 101: 21 Tips to Prevent a Home Burglary**

*The reality is that if someone really wants to get in your home, they will probably find a way, but if you think like a burglar for a few minutes, wouldn't you rather choose an easy target over a difficult one? Wouldn't you rather avoid a face-to-face confrontation if at all possible?*

*So, even if you can't completely burglary-proof your home, you will likely get some ideas from the list below that will at least make your home a little less of a burglary target.*

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator. (Insure you are dealing with a reputable company)
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [faketv.com](http://faketv.com).)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
17. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave [your house](#) without setting it?
18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

(<http://christianpf.com/burglary-prevention-tips/>)

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs [crimedoctor.com](http://crimedoctor.com); and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.



**“Be Safe, Be Alert and Be Aware”!!**

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